

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

1. Please insert the following lines on page 3 before line 35:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 represents a block diagram of a plant for the separation of dinitriles of the prior art.

Figure 2 represents a diagram of an embodiment of a plant for the separation of dinitriles in accordance with the invention.

2. Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 25-35 with the following paragraph:

Other advantages and details of the invention will become more clearly apparent in the light of the description of an implementational example of the process of the invention, given solely by way of illustration and made with reference to the appended figures, for which a brief description is given hereinabove. ~~in which:~~

~~[[-]] Figure 1 represents a block diagram of a plant for the separation of dinitriles of the prior art.~~

~~[[-]] Figure 2 represents a diagram of an embodiment of a plant for the separation of dinitriles in accordance with the invention.~~

3. Please replace the paragraphs on page 8, lines 6-17 with the following paragraphs:

The compounds with a higher boiling point than those of the dinitriles present, more particularly than that of adiponitrile, are recovered at the bottom of column 14 in the form of a bottom fraction 17 with circulation of the liquid at the column bottom through a loop 18 comprising a boiler. The bottom fraction 17 can advantageously be concentrated before being recycled in the loop 18.

The dinitriles, including adiponitrile, are recovered in ~~[[a]]~~ an intermediate fraction 19 by withdrawing from an intermediate plate situated at a lower position with respect to that at which the mixture to be treated is fed 13.